

## Brave Yankee Prof Helps Foil Hijacking



RODERICK HILSINGER  
Prof Turns Hero

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) — A U.S. professor helped to foil the hijacking of an airborne jetliner today, picking up and hurling a live grenade as security guards shot and killed seven air pirates, including a woman, the government news agency said.

The professor, six other passengers and two stewardesses were wounded in the exchange of fire between security guards and the hijackers that took place shortly after an Ethiopian airliner took off from Addis Ababa.

Prof. Roderick Hilsinger of Temple University, Philadelphia, picked up the grenade dropped by a panicky hijacker and hurled it toward an empty seat in front of him. An Ethiopian passenger said. He was among the wounded.

Ten hijackers were involved, the government agency said, and three were arrested.

"He saved my life and those of many others," the passenger said.

Hilsinger of Temple University, Philadelphia, was in serious condition at the American Seventh Day Adventist Hospital in Addis Ababa, hospital sources said. He came to the Ethiopian capital to help arrange student exchanges.

Ninety-four persons were reported aboard the plane. The identity of the hijackers was not immediately learned.

But it was thought they might have been members of the separatist guerrilla movement in Eritrea, a province in northern Ethiopia. The plane had been scheduled to stop in the Eritrean capital, Asmara.

The explosion knocked out one engine and the rudder control, the government news agency said, but the aircraft made a safe landing at Addis Ababa.

The first official statement said: "An attempted hijacking by a group of persons against an Ethiopian airline jetliner was successfully foiled 13 minutes after takeoff from Addis Ababa."

"The would-be hijackers exploded a grenade which damaged the aircraft. One engine stopped and rudder control was lost."

"All the hijackers were killed by security inspectors during the ensuing shooting started by the hijackers."

"The captain successfully flew the aircraft back to Addis Ababa 25 minutes after takeoff."

A woman appeared to be the leader of the hijackers, other passengers said.

Richard Wylie, an American who was with Hilsinger, said the woman stood up shortly after the plane was airborne and, in Ethiopian, instructed the other hijackers to take positions.

Someone shouted "Hijack!" and the security guards opened fire, another passenger continued. It was at this point that one of the hijackers dropped the grenade, and Hilsinger grabbed it, the passenger said.

The plane returned to Addis Ababa 25 minutes after it took off.

Capt. A. Kesela of Addis Ababa the pilot, was equally bold and skillful in managing to land the plane safely despite the loss of an engine and rudder control, a crew member said.

Kesela was reported as saying that he was unaware of what was going on in the passenger's cabin until shooting started 13 minutes after takeoff from Addis Ababa.

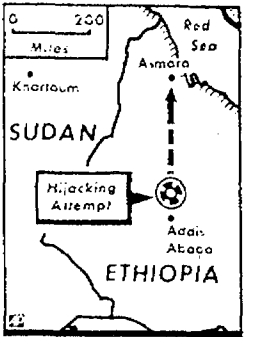
He said that immediately after the grenade blast, he felt the plane shake and start to lose altitude. He had been climbing to 30,000 feet.

He instructed his crew to carry on assuring them "we have every chance of making it back," one crew member said.

None of the hijackers managed to enter the cockpit, as this section as in all Ethiopian airlines flights is always sealed off.

Wylie, an American colleague of Hilsinger, said that before

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SEVEN DIE: Security guards killed seven hijackers and seven passengers were wounded during a skyjack attempt Friday shortly after Ethiopian jetliner took off

## St. Joseph Teacher Resigns

Had Been On Suspension

St. Joseph Supt. Richard Ziehmer said he has received the resignation of suspended teacher Ralph Siewert and recommends that the board of education accept the resignation at its regular meeting Monday.

Ziehmer also said that Siewert has waived his right to a tenure hearing. The waiver of hearing and resignation is under condition that his salary be paid through December, 1972.

Siewert, 47, a Jefferson elementary school teacher, was granted an indefinite leave of absence Oct. 10 after his arrest on a charge of taking indecent liberties with a 15-year-old boy.

On Oct. 20, he requested reinstatement to teaching and was informed by the administration that he was being placed on suspension with pay.

On Nov. 14, the criminal charge against him was dismissed by Fifth District Judge Harry Laity as result of a preliminary examination in which Judge Laity noted discrepancies in accounts by the complaining witness.

On Nov. 20, the St. Joseph board of education voted to place Siewert on suspension with pay. This action resulted from additional charges filed with the board by Ziehmer. The charges were not specified except that they were of a nature "relating to the conduct of Ralph Siewert."

Siewert was afforded the right to a hearing under the State Teachers Tenure act with the option of a public or private hearing before the board.

The board's suspension was announced at a public meeting. Siewert's attorney, George S. Keller, said then that his client would demand a full public hearing on the charges. Keller

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POOL SHARKS: Biologist Kenneth Honn looks at one of seven "horn sharks" flown to Detroit Wednesday from California to be used in a series of laboratory experiments at Wayne State university. Honn said he hopes to learn how hot and cold temperatures affect the function of the sharks' adrenal glands. (AP Wirephoto)

## Area Students Vary Widely In State Tests

BY JERRY KRIEGER  
County-Farm Editor

St. Joseph and Benton Harbor school districts again stood at opposite extremes in the percentile rankings of Berrien county schools in the 1971-72 Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests.

St. Joseph school system fourth and seventh graders ranked at the top 96-97 and 92-94 percentile ranges, respectively, in the state.

Benton Harbor's fourth graders were at the bottom 1-1 percentile and the seventh graders at the 1-2 percentile, on the basis of the composite scores attained in a series of tests given them last January. The Benton Harbor percentile

rankings and test score averages both were lower than in the 1970-71 tests. State School Superintendent John Porter noted when statewide results were released Monday that comparisons of scores between years are not necessarily accurate until more years of experience are gained in the MECAP tests.

He and county and local school officials emphasized that the scores should not be used to compare the quality of school systems, although they were aware that is exactly what will be done. They also stressed that percentile rankings alone can give a gross exaggeration of the actual scoring differences between schools.

Both the percentile rankings and the average "raw" test scores are given in the listing of results for all public school districts in Berrien, Van Buren and Cass counties, and part of Allegan county, in the table that accompanies this article.

On raw test scores Benton Harbor averaged 44 for fourth graders and 44.1 for seventh graders, while St. Joseph averaged 55.5 for fourth graders and 54.2 for seventh graders.

The complete range of test scores for the entire state was from a low of 30 to a top of 64. Less than a half dozen school districts, however, were either below 40 or above 60.

Lakeshore and New Buffalo ranked relatively high in Berrien county, behind St. Joseph as did the K-8 River school district in Sodus township.

Low ranking in Berrien,

above Benton Harbor, were Gallien, Eau Claire and Bridgman.

In Van Buren county, the K-8 Wood school district in Bangor township had the highest ranking, followed by Mattawan and Decatur. Covert was at the bottom of the rankings.

Edwardsburg schools were highest among the four school districts in Cass county.

In addition to the percentile ranking and average test score for all public school districts in southwestern Michigan, the accompanying table also gives the percentile range in each of the test areas of word

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## Hey, Folks, Don't Shake Those Christmas Trees!

Area Christmas tree lot owners are advising residents to handle trees coated with ice from Tuesday night's storm with extreme care until they thaw out.

Edwin Brink who operates at lot on the corner of Napier and Union avenues in Benton township said customers "shouldn't be concerned about going to a tree lot and purchasing a Christmas tree as many lots have untawed trees available." He said once the trees are thawed out they resume their original shape, but he advised residents to use extreme caution in handling ice-coated trees.

Kaye Duffield, who has a lot on Napier avenue said "the trees are not hurt" and

people can take them home and let them thaw out in their garages.

St. Joseph township fire station No. 1, which has a lot on the corner of Hilltop and Washington avenues, said some trees have been taken inside the fire station and are thawed out, but customers can buy wrapped trees that are frozen solid and take them home to thaw out.

All of the Christmas tree lot owners contacted advised customers to handle the frozen trees with extreme caution as the limbs are very brittle and can break easily. Many lots have warming sheds on the premises and customers should ask the lot owners if they have trees that are thawed out.

## Ag Engineers Win Tax Exempt Status

BY BRANDON BROWN  
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The American Society of Agricultural Engineers (ASAE) of 2950 Niles road, St. Joseph township, has won its suit with St. Joseph township and other local taxing agencies for tax-exempt status.

A 24-page opinion filed Thursday by Berrien circuit court Judge Chester J. Byrns holds the nonprofit ASAE is an educational, scientific institution entitled to real and personal property tax exemp-

tion for its national headquarters in the township.

It orders the township to return \$17,202.88 in taxes collected for 1970 and 1971, and holds the ASAE tax-exempt in 1972 and years ahead "unless it is shown that it has changed its goals, programs or operations than found herein...."

The judge ruled, however, that he is barred from enjoining the township and other local agencies from levying and collecting future taxes. But he added:

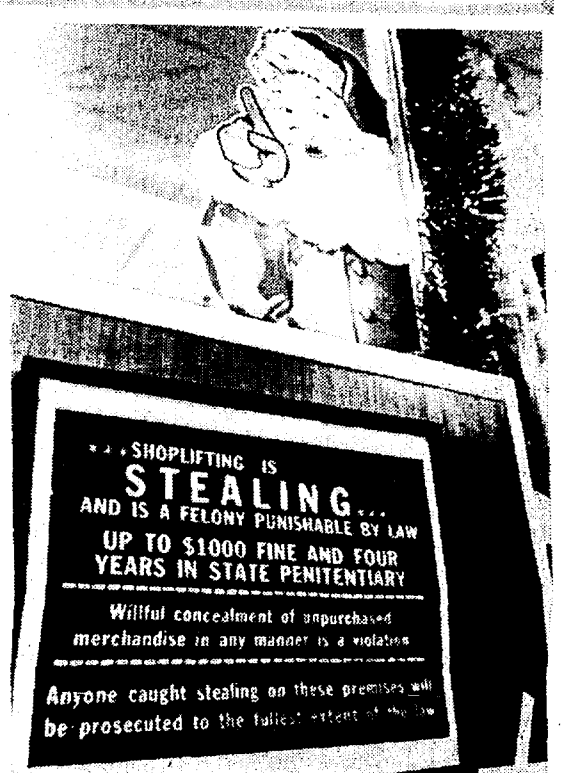
"If the decision of this court becomes final, or if appealed is affirmed, it would seem, absent any change of operations, that the taxing authorities would recognize the property as exempt."

It was not immediately known if the township or other defendants would appeal. Defendants other than the township are the County of Berrien, Lake Michigan college, St. Joseph school district, Berrien Intermediate school district, and Berrien County Building Authority.

St. Joseph Atlys, James McQuillan and David Vanderploeg claimed in a suit filed by the ASAE on Feb. 8, 1971, that the society is tax-exempt under Michigan's 1963 constitution and state law "by reason of the fact it is an educational and scientific institution."

The society broke ground for a brand new \$300,000 head-

WARNING FROM SANTA: As shoppers crowd stores for the Christmas season, law enforcement agencies and store officials are experiencing an increase in shoplifting. This sign, with the appropriate finger-shaking by Santa Claus, greets shoppers as they enter a Mount Pleasant, Mich. department store. (AP Wirephoto)



## Berrien Bonanza Shrinks

## Revised Tax-Sharing Figures Released

BY BILL RUSH  
Staff Writer

Benton Harbor will receive \$199,287 and Berrien county \$349,127 in their first entitlement payments under the new federal revenue sharing program, according to figures released to Congressman Edward Hutchinson by the U.S. Treasury department.

St. Joseph will receive \$80,862; Stevensville, \$5,110; Benton township, \$62,428; Lincoln township, \$18,358; and St. Joseph township, \$18,349.

The Treasury department now says revenue sharing figures it originally provided municipalities and local governments may have been off as much as 50 per cent.

A Treasury department spokesman said second revenue sharing payments covering the last six months of 1972 will be released in January "and in most cases will be equal installment."

This means, for example, Berrien county government will get a total of about \$700,000, roughly 60 per cent of the \$1.1

million commissioners had been told they would get for the county.

The Treasury department notified Hutchinson that it will send Friday by first class mail to state and local governments the first revenue sharing entitlement payments for the six-month retroactive period of Jan. 1 to June 30, 1972.

In the letter to Hutchinson, James E. Smith, undersecretary of the treasury, said that in many cases "these entitlement payments for both state and local governments will represent a substantial change, either upward or downward, from estimates published during the legislative process."

Computation of estimated entitlement payments made during the legislative process used revenue data for local governments for the calendar year 1965-1966. But actual payments to state and local governments were based on updated revenue figures from fiscal year 1971 obtained through a special survey recently concluded by the U.S. Census bureau, Smith said.

Verification procedures have also corrected numerous errors in the data base, Smith explained. Additionally, the Treasury department used a revised computation sequence that included the 20 per cent floor requirement contained in the statute, he added.

Initial revenue sharing installments according to Treasury department figures will be:

Michigan, \$37,033,155, with the aggregate total to governmental units in the state of \$110,895,777.

Berrien County, \$349,127, with the total for all governmental units in the county, \$1,046,565.

Cass County, \$93,524, with the total for all governmental units, \$227,128.

Van Buren County, \$153,579 with the total for all governmental units, \$408,152.

The first revenue sharing installments by city and township

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## Editorial Page

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### Hep Justices Say Public Sex Is For Dirty Birds

Breathes there a man with eyes so veiled that never to himself has wailed: "Wow, what a shape!"?

It is definitely not the purpose here to knock the female form divine. On the contrary, girl-watching is one of life's greatest pleasures. Sweet, indeed, it is to cast a covert eye on a figure counting out at 36-24-36.

Nevertheless, there are limits to girl-watching. In public places, the ladies should be clothed. Morality may not dictate this old-fashioned notion on our part; it could stem simply from the fact that "Man's imagination is woman's greatest asset." But whatever the reason, a nude woman — gyrating amorously or otherwise — in a public place turns a mature, normal male libido off rather than on.

Unfortunately, America's current counter-culture seems to feel strongly that nudity and sex are not necessarily something to be enjoyed in private. As a result, the nation's bars and theaters increasingly have been featuring what in an earlier year would have been called "stag shows" and driven out of town. Responsible city and state authorities, with more common sense than some courts, tried to shut them down. But judicial rulings allowed the exhibitions to continue so long as they contained one scintilla of "redeeming social significance."

One spectacular result has been to convert formerly attractive sections of many cities into row upon row of gin mills, "theaters," and massage parlors featuring repulsive degeneracy. Mature, undeviated people are staying away in droves. Just recently, for example, Mayor John Lindsay said on television that New

York City's legitimate stage industry — once the world's greatest theatrical center — was being threatened by raunchy exhibitions in the Broadway and 42nd Street area.

Well, the worms who have been making a fast buck out of the dirty exhibitions are about to get turned. This week, the United States Supreme Court ruled six to three that the states may shut down saloons which feature bottomless dancers, sex films or other forms of "bacchanalian revelries." The decision, in a California case, held that the First Amendment is not intended to permit real or simulated sexual acts in public. State liquor officials, said the court, have the right to guard "public health, welfare and morals" under the 21st Amendment which ended Prohibition.

The landmark ruling should have an impact far beyond California to bars and night clubs in all states that sell liquor by the drink while displaying what Justice William H. Rehnquist described as gross sexuality. If a state has a valid anti-exhibition law on its books, state and local officials now will be able to step in and shut down the dirty shows.

Non-liquor-dispensing places may still continue to offer sex shows. But their share of patronage is small compared with the share enjoyed by gin mills. Probably because most people have to get pretty well liquored up before they're stupid enough to wallow in filth.

The Supreme Court decision is sound and long overdue. President Nixon's four appointees to the high court voted in favor of the ruling, along with Justices Peter Stewart and Byron White. The public can thank the six for returning fresh air to downtown.

### State School Board Has Some Good Plans, And ---?

There is both good and bad in the four-point plan adopted by the State Education Board this week in an effort to solve not only the financial crisis facing Detroit but other Michigan school systems as well.

All to the good is a proposal that calls for enactment of legislation to authorize the Detroit Board of Education to levy additional property, income or other taxes to provide an additional \$29 million for Detroit public schools. Reasonable, too, is a proposal calling for legislation to authorize the Detroit board to borrow \$35.25 million from the state and repay it over 10 years through reductions in its annual state aid allotment.

The reason these proposals are good is that they would force voters of the Detroit school district to face up on their own to a problem they have tried to foist on the rest of the state. The school property tax rate in Detroit is only a portion of what most other major districts are paying. Time and again, Detroit voters have refused to tax themselves for special operating millage.

In the Twin Cities area, for example, voters of every school district have chosen to set property tax rate on themselves many mills in excess of the Detroit rate. Detroit, meanwhile, has been begging the state Legislature to supply money from the state general fund that Detroit taxpayers refuse to cough up. So long as the glaring inequity in property tax rates exist, there is no reason why this section of the state — or any other — should subsidize Detroiters.

The special legislation for Detroit

proposed by the state board puts the tax burden where it should have been all along, and also provides the emergency cash necessary because Detroiters so long have side-stepped the obligations other cities have picked up.

Other recommendations included in the state board's four-point plan are far less specific than the two proposals for Detroit — and, at first glance at least, not nearly as praiseworthy.

One of the proposals calls for development of a 1973-74 state aid bill that would provide a financial basis for all school districts to develop comprehensive educational programs for their students. This is simply a request for the Legislature to revise state K-12 financing. The lawmakers could go off in any direction — most probably skyward.

The final proposal to the Legislature is an amendment to the state aid act to provide full funding of a section that provides additional state aid for school districts levying high property taxes for non-school purposes. It is estimated this would require an appropriation of \$19 million with Detroit to receive about \$15.7 million.

This is fine for Detroit; it's simply another way of financing reluctant Detroit taxpayers out of the state general fund. But the proposal obviously doesn't hold much for out-state taxpayers.

Moreover, the principle involved in the proposal could become an invitation to establish a new inequity in school aid law. It might invite communities to raise their municipal and county taxes higher than necessary in order to qualify for extra school aid.

In sum, the State Board of Education has to be credited with trying to force Detroit voters to cope with their own education problems. But its philosophic approach to the total picture of state school financing, as usual, sounds suspiciously like "more taxes" rather than more equitable taxes.

Football helmets go back to the scarlet turbans wrapping thick heads of hair worn by Rutgers University players in the 1870's.

The 4,000-mile Amazon River is not quite as long as the Nile, but 60 times as much water pours out of the Amazon's mouth into the Atlantic, eight trillion gallons a day at maximum flood, National Geographic says.

### Still Dozing



### GLANCING BACKWARDS

**MAYOR EHRENBURG WON'T SEEK REELECTION**  
— 1 Year Ago —  
St. Joseph will have a new mayor in 1972.

W. H. (Duke) Ehrenberg today announced that he will not seek re-election to the St. Joseph city commission in the primary to be held Feb. 21. At the same time, political newcomer Leroy H. Selent announced that he will seek election to the commission, running for the seat to be vacated by Ehrenberg. He has Ehrenberg's blessing in his campaign.

**MEMORIAL GETS LIFE SAVER**  
— 10 Years Ago —  
Memorial hospital has a new life saver. A new cardiac

monitor was delivered this week by the Burrows Co. of Chicago, distributors. The electronic device detects heart stoppage during surgery and automatically restarts the heart's pumping. Made by Electrodyne Co. Inc. of Norwood, Mass., the machine picks up the heart's electrical impulses and amplifies them. Each heart beat registers on the machine with an audible "beep" and flashes across a screen.

**YANKS CAPTURE MOUNT CAMINO**  
— 29 Years Ago —  
The allied Fifth army has captured the summit of lofty Mt. Camino, routed the Nazis from three villages southwest of Mignano, and recaptured

rain-and-blood-soaked Monastery ridge in bitter fighting to win heights overlooking the road to Cassino and Rome, it was announced today.

Official reports from Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's headquarters said the enemy had been shoved back to the fringe of ridges on the northern and western edges of Mt. Camino and Mt. Maggiore by the steady, savage thrust of American and British troops.

**NEW LAWYER**  
— 39 Years Ago —  
Announcement is made that Attorney Joseph E. Killian, formerly of Allegan, has become associated with Charles W. Stratton, well known St. Joseph attorney. The new lawyer will have offices adjoining those occupied by Atty. Stratton in the Commercial National bank building.

**BANK ROBBERY**  
— 49 Years Ago —  
A bandit gang early this morning entered the State Bank at Baroda, loaded a one-ton safe containing \$4,500 in cash and bonds onto a trailer and carted it away, leaving no trail.

**PLAN COMMUNITY TREE**  
— 59 Years Ago —  
A mammoth family Christmas tree for St. Joseph in this city's beautiful front yard on Lake Boulevard is the fine idea which is being launched by a committee of public spirited citizens for a Christmas eve celebration. The committee plans to have the tree lighted if possible with electric lights.

**FEATURE DEBATE**  
— 81 Years Ago —  
A debate was a feature of the program when the Crescent society met Monday night. The usual literary and musical numbers completed the program.

### Kissinger Meets With Pompidou

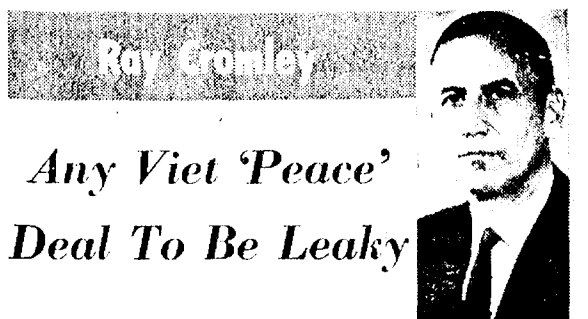
PARIS (AP) — Henry A. Kissinger was received unexpectedly by President Georges Pompidou at the Elysee Palace today shortly before he was to resume negotiations with Le Duc Tho of the North Vietnamese Politburo.

Kissinger last met with Pompidou Sept. 15, during a previous round of secret Vietnam peace talks. There was no prior announcement of today's meeting.

French government sources said Pompidou is playing an important backstage role in the continuing search for peace, acting as an informal intermediary between the two sides.

Kissinger and Tho scheduled the fifth meeting of their current round of secret peace talks this afternoon in a suburban villa.

**DEMOCRAT REAPPOINTED**  
LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Nyle Katz of Marshall has been reappointed membership chairman of the Michigan Democratic Party.



### Any Viet 'Peace' Deal To Be Leaky

WASHINGTON (NEA) — Even when a peace agreement on Vietnam is finally agreed on and signed, it will have enough loopholes to drive a truck through.

When the details come out, historians and political scientists will pick it to pieces.

This is the private, considered judgment of a high United States official intimately connected with the Vietnam negotiations. He is a hawk; but he is in favor of the Kissinger-Le Duc Tho draft agreement with some specific modifications.

Most of the loopholes do not worry this man. Either Hanoi wants to settle or it doesn't, he says. If it does, the precise wording of the agreement does not matter; if it does not, there is no way an arrangement could be written to prevent evasion in this type of situation, in which Saigon and Hanoi guerrillas, officials and agents are so thoroughly intermingled through much of the South.

The question is, whether on balance, the South Vietnamese forces, political and military, can hold their own. The judgment here in high places is that they can.

For one thing, President Thieu has made himself immensely popular in South Vietnam by publicly standing up against President Nixon's pressure to sign the original Kissinger-Le Duc Tho draft agreement and his strong stand for South Vietnam's right to have a deciding voice in its own destiny.

Contacts among Vietnamese who are not pro-Thieu by any stretch of the imagination are agreed that as of today, the

South Vietnamese are behind him as never before. There is in fact a great deal of optimism among those men, both American and Vietnamese, known to this reporter as having been hard headed and somewhat cynical in the past.

Despite early setbacks, South Vietnam's troops did much better in fighting the all-out North Vietnamese attacks this year than these men expected. Considering its past record, the local militia handled itself surprisingly well.

North Vietnamese political and guerrilla agents made sizable penetration into some territories the Viet Cong had lost in the past several years, but their gains were not impressive.

Most importantly, both U.S. and Vietnamese contacts are impressed by the confidence of the South Vietnamese. This reporter has been informed by a source close to President Thieu that "We don't need your troops to handle the situation. We can, if we must, get along without your planes. All we need is your economic aid and military equipment."

Now this reporter does not know any competent American or Vietnamese observer who thinks that things are going to go smoothly for the South Vietnamese when a cease-fire is signed. The situation, as all agree, is going to be nasty.

But there is evidence the North Vietnamese have been badly hurt, and that their operatives and armies in the South have lost a good deal of their confidence, a quality essential in the underground struggle which will inevitably follow a cease fire.



### Alioto Becoming Italian Hero

WASHINGTON — Italian-Americans are searching for a new symbol of group identity and a national political voice — and many believe they have now found it in San Francisco Mayor Alioto.

Somewhere between four and 21 million Americans trace their ancestry to Italy, depending on whose statistics you accept. They are the largest of the white ethnic minority groups, and their votes are concentrated in the Northern states with the large electoral blocs.

Yet Italians have been slower than any other white ethnic group but the Polish to gain economic and political power. They have been unfairly tarred with the image of the Godfather. Almost two-thirds of them hold only blue-collar jobs; the average Italian family in 1969 earned the modest wage of \$8,000 a year.

There has never been an Italian President or Vice President; national political figures of Italian descent are rare.

Like other white ethnic minorities, however, the Italians are experiencing a reawakened interest in their heritage and a new thirst for national identity.

"It's chic to be Italian these days," Alioto observed jubilantly at a dinner given here last week by the Italian Executives of America. And increasingly it appears the most chic Italian of all is Alioto himself.

Since he was cleared of criminal and civil charges last spring, Alioto has become the hottest item on the Italian-American speaking circuit. Italian language newspapers followed his legal troubles in great and sympathetic detail, and most have treated him as a hero and martyr ever since his vindication.

There are hundreds of Italian-oriented organizations in the country, and Alioto has been invited to appear before most of them. He has been presented "man of the year" awards by major Italian groups in Los Angeles, Milwaukee, Chicago, Cleveland and Detroit. He has addressed Italian organizations in more than twenty cities. He starred a few months ago in a one-hour CBS documentary on Italian-American culture.

Alioto was introduced at the executives' banquet as "the Italian-American most likely to succeed." After two terms as mayor, what he would like to succeed at next is the governorship of California. And after that, who knows? He was, after all, Sen. Hubert Humphrey's running mate in 1968.

Alioto is utilizing his popularity to build a loose alliance of Italian organizations outside California to support his campaign with money and volunteers. And it does not seem to bother his supporters that two of his potential rivals for the statehouse in two years are also Italian—Assembly Speaker Robert Moretti and Senate Majority Leader George Moscone.



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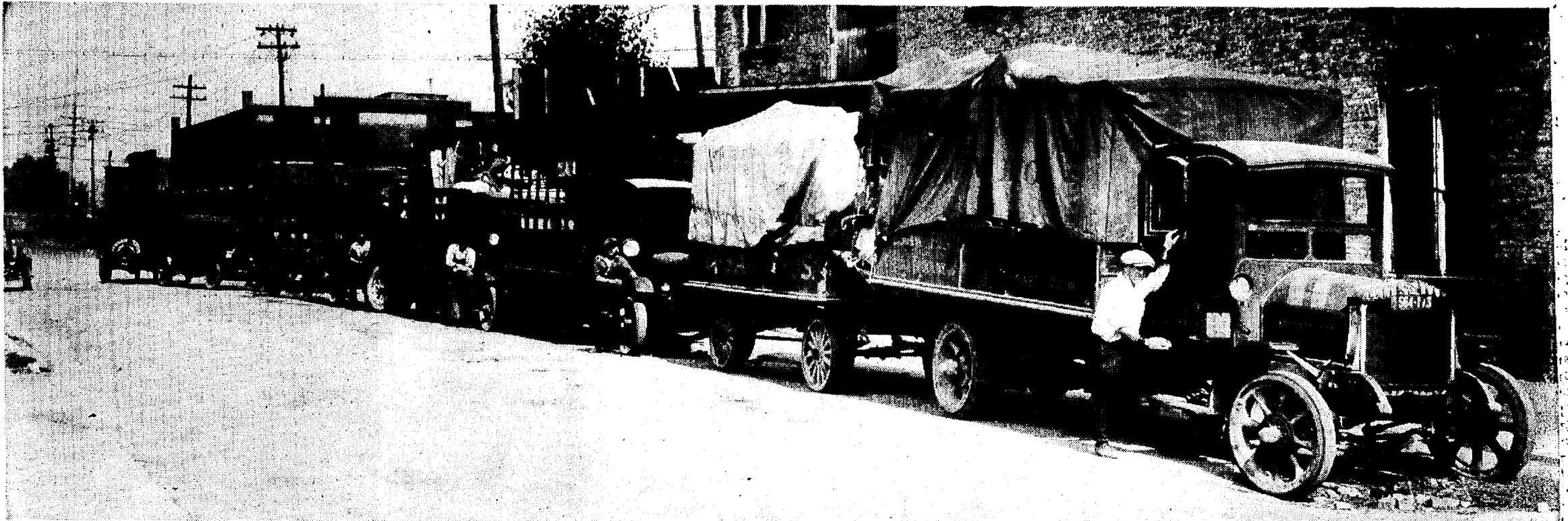
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READY TO ROLL: Loaded with freight were these Versaw Bros. trucks. Chester Versaw, Jacob Kutz, Otis Versaw and Walter Versaw. parked on Eighth street in Benton Harbor 50 years ago. From right are

## SJ Man A Million-Miler

# Truck Pioneer Looks Back

BY DICK DERRICK  
SJ City Editor

Jacob H. Kutz was right in on the birth of the trucking industry in the Twin Cities and has a million miles behind a steering wheel to prove it.

Kutz, 73, of 5593 St. Joseph avenue, Stevensville, pulled out an early 1920 photo of the Versaw Bros. truck line and memories of the hardships and triumphs of early trucking

flooded back.

Trucks with hard rubber tires and loaded with freight would make the 120-mile run into Chicago in nine hours on some of the roughest roads imaginable.

The route from Benton Harbor to Michigan City, Ind., was on the original highway M-11 which roughly paralleled the present Red Arrow highway. From Michigan City to East

Gary the trucks rolled over a gravel road at 14 miles per hour.

Trucks had governors in those days to keep the speed down and prevent burning out the motors, Kutz said.

Speed limits were much lower than they are now and enforced, Kutz recalls.

The speed limit in Stevensville, for instance, was five

miles per hour.

The fledgling truck industry faced two strong competitors—the railroads and the boats.

Only the truck's ability to deliver goods to the door of the customer made them competitive.

Kutz recalls making three round trips to Chicago each week.

He drove a truck from 1920 to

1940, at first for Chester and Otis Versaw and later for himself.

Versaw Bros. had Diamond T and Commerce trucks. The bodies were custom built by Dachel Carter Co. of St. Joseph. Dachel Carter normally built boats.

Kutz recalled the hard rubber tires of 50 years ago would also "blow out." He said air pockets imbedded in the hard rubber would heat up during the long hard drives and explode, destroying the tire.

Kutz is an avid angler. His favorite fishing lakes are in Grand Mere.



BEFORE 1940: Jacob Kutz reflects on early days of trucking industry when 120-mile trip from Benton Harbor to Chicago took nine hours. (Staff photo)

# Big Challenge For Newsies

Year after year, the Benton Harbor Exchange Club Newsies brave the cold and

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Good Fellow  
FUND



snow of a December day to do their part to put the News-Palladium Good Fellow Fund over the top.

It looks like the Newsies are going to have a bigger job than ever this year, but Chairman Eugene T. Brooks informed Santa yesterday that his salesmen are ready to go.

Said Eugene: "Pass along the word that we are putting the finishing touches on plans for the Newsie sale on Friday, Dec. 15. We are going to field a stalwart crew of members and guests that have confidence in

attaining the Good Fellow fund goal of \$7,500.00.

"As you know, Santa, everything collected is put toward the goal. One hundred percent of every dollar given is converted into happiness and good will. Our club takes care of our own expenses and the News-Palladium sponsors everything else, including the thousands of newspapers we sell and the luncheon for the Newsies a few days before the sale.

"The kindness and generosity of the many, many,

people of our area makes it easy for our club to help with the Good Fellow fund. We are very proud to be associated with this campaign and will work especially hard to meet the goal."

Last year, the Exchange Club Newsies accounts for \$3,741.10 of the total collected.

Yesterday's contributions to the fund totaled \$7.00. The Benton Harbor Elks Emblem Club No. 122 sent a check for \$5.00 and \$2.00 was contributed in memory of LaVerne Hope.

The News-Palladium fund now totals \$1,336.22.

# BH Educator Blasts State School Tests As 'Unfair'

Richard Helser, assistant superintendent for education of Benton Harbor Area schools, Thursday criticized state assessment tests as an unfair comparison.

Helser spoke at the annual meeting of the Twin Cities Area Community Services Council, the planning division of the United Community Fund. The luncheon meeting was held at the YWCA.

"Schools in affluent suburbs are always going to be at the top unless the state begins to consider the socio-economic makeup of a community," Helser declared.

"Benton Harbor should be compared to schools in other communities similar to our own. If that type of yardstick were used, the Benton Harbor schools would receive a good rating."

The State Board of Education

this week released results of statewide tests given last January to fourth and seventh graders. Results showed average fourth and seventh graders in 98 per cent of the state's school districts scored higher than Detroit students.

Benton Harbor was ranked with Detroit, Muskegon Heights, Inkster, Willow Run and others with large numbers of poor.

Helser also said that with the influence of local school districts waning everywhere, districts should band together for unified planning and effective political action on a regional basis. He said such efforts have proven highly successful in the state of New York where he served as a regional planner and research director until coming to Benton Harbor this year.

Helser further contended

that schools of tomorrow must break the patterns of the past 200 years and offer more individualized instruction if they are to keep up with accelerating change in society.

"What we want are zero rejects — students with an education, a salable skill and a cultural background. Just give us the money and we'll do the job."

At the business meeting of the council, Dr. Gerhard Carlson was elected president. Carlson is director of psychological services for the Berrien County Intermediate school district. He has served three years on the CSC board and has been interim president since Verne Robbert resigned two months ago.

Other 1973 officers are: The Rev. Arnold Bolin, first vice president; Dr. Henry Klos, second vice president; Olove

Colcord, R.N., secretary; and William Clynes, treasurer.

Elected to three-year terms on the CSC board: The Rev. William Kobza, Curtis Hartfield, Mrs. Barbara Lavery, Mrs. Catherine Sage, Michael Stone, Mrs. Dorothy Sosey, Mrs. Katherine Turner, and Nathaniel Wells, Jr. Two-year board posts went to George Westfield and Harold Stacik.

Mrs. Cathryn Sirk, director of the CSC-sponsored Community Information and Referral center, reported that through November the center had handled 1,188 calls for referrals and assistance. The adjunct Heart center has distributed 3,245 pieces of literature this year, has rendered assistance to patients and sponsored seminars.

Miss Margaret Crisnal was chairman of the CSC nominating committee.

# H-P Good Fellow Revealed

Tired of Christmas already? Tired of shopping, decorating, visiting, partying,

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writing, looking for parking places, licking stamps, counting change, waiting in line?

Every bone in your body echoes that popular saying: "Christmas comes but once a year—thank goodness."

Cheer up! In exactly two and a half weeks, 18 days, 432 hours or 25,920 minutes it will be all over.

But for some Christmas never comes. No matter how tightly they shut their eyes or hold their hands to their ears, they can hear it coming—but it never really arrives.

They hear the sound of Christmas, the music, the people making plans, a kind of melodic hubbub. The lights of Christmas are everywhere, mostly red and green but including every color and shining out from the most unexpected places.

So if Christmas gets to be a chore, think what a problem it is for the mother who has to explain that possibly Santa won't be able to make it this year or the forgotten, lonely oldtimer who wonders about the sincerity of the singers who sing: "Good will to men."

Standing as a helping hand are the Herald-Press Good Fellows and all the generous people who make sure that the Good Fellow fund is well supplied with money to spread the Christmas cheer.

One of these long time Good Fellows has been the Tiscornia Foundation. In years past the money has always been forthcoming but the name was hidden. This year secretary Wall Laetz wrote the Tiscornia Foundation, Inc. Can be identified. The welcome \$100 gift pushes the Good Fellow total to \$1,128.76 or \$2,371.24 from the goal.

## Sixteen Score High In State Test

# Twin City Math Whizzes

Sixteen twin cities area mathematics scholars who finished in the top four per cent of the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition, are awaiting results of their second test.

The 16 are among 20,000 who took Part I of the math test Oct. 16. Part 2 of the test was given Wednesday, reported Art Schultz, St. Joseph High school math instructor.

St. Joseph High school math students who qualified for the

second test were Gerald Wolf, James Barton, Jon Williamson, Donald Bloom, Al Muldoon, Brian Gast, Gary Burns, Ann Krieger, Janet Bridgman, Charlene Kaatz and Jane Mather.

Mark Hennes, a state finalist last year, is the Benton Harbor High school representative.

Lakeshore High school math finalists are Bonnie Benson and Barbara Bell.

Lake Michigan Catholic High school math finalists are Greg

Adams and Dan Sundberg.

The top 100 of the students taking the second test will be honored at a dinner in the spring at Western Michigan university and awarded scholarships. Last year Hennes and Peter Derrick of Lake Michigan Catholic were honored at Michigan State as finalists.

Thumbnail sketches of the math semi-finalists follow:

Gerald Wolf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Wolf, 793 Lattimer

drive, St. Joseph, and a sophomore at St. Joseph High school, is active in basketball and baseball. Hopes to attend the University of Michigan.

James Barton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barton, 1061 Lydia drive, St. Joseph, is a junior at St. Joseph High school, and active in football, track, science and math club.

Jon Williamson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Williamson,

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CARLSON HEADS UCF SERVICE: Dr. Gerhard Carlson (right) was elected Thursday president of the Twin Cities Area Community Services Council, the planning arm of United Community Fund. Here, Carlson and Richard Helser, assistant superintendent of

Benton Harbor Area schools, watch Mrs. Cathryn Sirk indicate on chart various services performed by Twin City agencies. Mrs. Sirk is director of the Community Information and Referral Center, sponsored by the Community Services Council.

## Lt. Gov. Brickley Tries To Settle Glass Cage Battle

By PATRICK CONNOLLY  
Associated Press Writer

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Charging "over-reaction on both sides," Lt. Gov. James Brickley has urged that leaders of the state Capitol press corps and Michigan Senate iron out a compromise in a "cages" and rule change dispute that newsmen claim could hamper their coverage of Senate affairs.

"This thing was instituted by members of the Senate who said they were unhappy with some news stories and smacked of abridgement of Freedom of the Press," Brickley said Thursday.

"The press over-reacted with stories I considered petulant. It was a bad way to start off," he said.

"The Senate sure didn't start it right," he said. "If the Senate had handled it properly in the first place by talking with members of the press, I doubt you would be interviewing me

today." Brickley, who presides over the Senate, said, "The press doesn't account for five to ten per cent of the noise, but that doesn't mean it shouldn't be dealt with. The senators make the most noise, but I can't order them off the floor." Brickley said Senate Republican Leader Robert VanderLaan, reached by telephone in Miami Beach where he is attending a "Legislative Leadership Conference," indicated to me that his door would be open to press representatives. I got the impression that Sen. VanderLaan would be very pleased to meet with the press.

Willard Baird, president of the 40-member Capitol Correspondent's Association, said, "I welcome this suggestion from the lieutenant governor."

Baird added, however, that "Sen. VanderLaan has previously repudiated an agreement to meet with us. He gave us assurance at a meeting Nov. 29 that the matter would be taken up again at the two-party caucuses and that we would be notified of the outcome. Instead Sen. VanderLaan issued orders to proceed with construction."

The press corps has protested the construction that began last Monday of two glass and wood enclosures for newsmen at the front of the Senate. Reporters contend the enclosures will prevent direct access to senators.

Newsmen also are protesting a proposed Senate rule change that could bar reporters from the Senate floor half an hour before sessions convene and keep them in their seats for half an hour after the sessions end.

Such time restrictions, Brickley said, would be unconstitutional.

"I don't think they could do that. The reporters should be able to come into or leave the press section at anytime," Brickley said.

He said he would propose a compromise that would allow newsmen on the floor for part of the session but keep them in their seats at other times.

"I can stop the proceedings now with the gavel in case of noise, but that doesn't work. It interrupts the proceeding until the noise level goes up again. I'd be interrupting quite often," said Brickley, acting governor while Gov. William Milliken is out of town this week.

"I would support a rule to confine newsmen to a press section at least for part of the session and let them talk to senators if they want at some other time during the proceedings," he said.

Brickley said newsmen are confined to "press sections" in Congress, courtrooms and in most other states.

He said, however, he thought the enclosures, built at an estimated cost of \$8,000 to \$10,000 seemed pointless.

"I don't see why they put them there. I don't understand their merit," he said.

Brickley charged that "press over-reaction" was "a bombardment" of stories about junkies and in stories about cages dominating newspapers, radio and television.

"I don't know what they're doing down there (in Miami Beach) but there is a petulant tone in the stories and headlines," Brickley said.

He did not affirm or deny the accuracy of the articles.

"They are in Florida for a legislative conference and our legislators had nothing to do with either the timing or the location of the conference," Brickley said.

"There also was a note of petulance in stories about the enclosures being cages," Brickley charged. "I don't see them as cages but as press areas."



NOW THEY BELIEVE: A year ago growers doubted that a farm wives' organization, Women for the Survival of Agriculture in Michigan (WSAM), would be successful. They've apparently changed their tune, as WSAM received \$100 to further its efforts from an anonymous Berrien Springs grower, another \$100 from a Kalamazoo grower and numerous smaller contributions Wednesday at the Michigan

State Horticultural convention in Grand Rapids. Donations followed a WSAM presentation at the convention. State Rep. Bela Kennedy (R-Bangor) was asked to turn the anonymous \$100 bill over to (from left) Mrs. Connie Canfield, WSAM's first president, and Mrs. Laura Heuser, new president. Both are of Hartford. (Staff photo)

## Anti-Pest Test A Success Predator Kills Orchard Mite Without Spray

By ALAN AREND  
Staff Writer

GRAND RAPIDS — The integrated mite control program for Michigan orchards has come a long way in the past two years, growers attending the 102nd annual convention of the Michigan State Horticultural Society were told Thursday.

Speaking during the final day of the convention at the Civic Auditorium here, Dr. Brian Croft of Michigan State University's department of entomology, said that in over half of the test apple orchards throughout western Michigan natural predators completely controlled the damage-causing mites and no sprays were needed.

Integrated pest control is the process of using both chemical and biological control methods.

Croft said chemicals are still needed to control four other major pests of Michigan orchards including the codling moth, plum curculio, red-banded leaf roller and apple maggot, but a natural predator — Amblyseius Fallacis — believed to be present in most Michigan apple orchards, can control most spider mites with little or no chemical sprays at all.

Spider mites such as the European red mite, two-spotted mite, and apple rust mite, feed on the foliage of the tree and the predators feed on the mites by poking a hole in the side of the mites and sucking the insides out of them.

Croft said there is a large component of predators in Michigan, but Amblyseius Fallacis, seems to be most prevalent and does the best job at killing the mites. Both the mites and their predators are so small they can barely be seen by the human eye.

The important factor in a successful integrated mite control program is determining which chemicals on the market today do not harm the predators.

Croft said that MSU will be releasing recommendations this spring telling growers which chemicals cause no harm to predators.

"Choice of chemicals and timing of sprays is very important," Croft said. He said it has been found that natural predators over-winter in the growth at the base of the tree and enter the trees in mid-June and July. Predators reproduce about twice as fast as mites, thus enabling them to overtake the mites and control them for

the remainder of the season. In other speeches presented Thursday at the horticultural show:

George McManus, Grand Traverse county extension director and Jerry Gleason, raw products manager for Silver Mill Frozen Foods, Inc., Eau Claire, discussed where difficulties in obtaining tart cherry quality occur and what can be done to obtain a high quality pack.

McManus said the three main problems associated with tart cherry quality are brown rot, soft cherries, and cherry scald. He said improper harvesting and handling

techniques are the main cause of poor cherry quality.

Gleason said that a joint effort is needed by growers and processors, working together to obtain a high quality pack.

"If poor quality cherries are delivered to the processor's front door, they will come out the back door in cans as poor quality," Gleason said.

Gleason agreed that the greatest single cause of poor cherry quality is poor handling of the fruit as it is being picked and sent to the processor.

Gleason said there are so many shakers that mechanically harvest the cherry crop now, that many

growers don't have enough cooling tanks on their farms to handle the cherries as they are removed from the trees by the shakers.

"I'm not down on mechanical harvesters," Gleason said. "They're here to stay, but what is most damaging is that processors continue to accept poor quality cherries without telling or helping the grower in what must be done to deliver a high quality product."

Frank W. Owen, general manager of the Cherry Administrative Board, Hartford, discussed the handling of the 1972 crop under regulations of the federal tart cherry

marketing order. He said that generally the move came off "very well" but there are still "a few wrinkles that have to be ironed out."

The Cherry Administrative Board will be sending out questionnaires concerning the mechanics of the order's operation this past season and it is hoped that all growers will respond.

David Dilley, MSU horticulturalist, explained the concepts behind a new type of storage system — Hypobaric storage — and what effects it could have on the Michigan fruit industry.



JAMES BRICKLEY  
Lieutenant-Governor

### Fashion Needed

DETROIT (AP) — If the auto industry made seat belts and shoulder harnesses more attractive and easier to use, more motorists might put them on, Frederick Rehn, general manager of the Michigan Auto Club said Thursday.

## Mallett Named To Vacant Stevensville Council Seat

Former Lakeshore school district administrator Lloyd Mallett, 66, was appointed to the Stevensville village council by the council last night.

Mallett, of 5643 Fairview avenue, was appointed to the seat vacated by George Ritter who resigned last month.

Mallett had been a teacher and administrator in area schools since 1942 when he retired in 1970. He had worked in Lakeshore schools since the creation of the district, and was serving as principal of Hollywood school when he retired.

He served several terms as Stevensville village treasurer during the 1950s. He and his wife, Dorothy, have four married children.

The term to which Mallett was appointed expires next spring.

In other action, the council turned down a request from the Berrien county road commission that the village raise the speed limit on Red Arrow highway in the village from 45 to 50 miles per hour, to conform with speed limits along the rest of the highway.

The action was taken at the recommendation of Richard Beck, village police officer, who said it would make the intersection of Red Arrow and John Beers road more dangerous.

Mrs. Frank Martin, of 5767 St. Joseph avenue, described a house opposite the village hall on St. Joseph avenue, as a health and fire hazard.

The complaint was referred to the village building inspector and health officer.

Bids were opened on a new pickup truck for the village street department. Bidders were Ashley Ford Sales, Benton Harbor, \$2,261.99; Del's Ford Sales, Bridgman, \$2,400; and Don Leitow Chevrolet, Bridgman, \$2,377.

No action was taken. Council members wanted to confer with Trustee Charles Kerlikowske, who operates a fleet of trucks. He was not present at last night's meeting.

Bernice Schoenfelder, village clerk, announced that 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, is the deadline for filing nominating petitions for the Feb. 19 village primary

and Mar. 12 village election. The terms of trustees Kerlikowske, Mallett and Barney Yasdieck expire next spring.

Arthur Kasewurm, village president, said that the village will begin enforcing its no overnight parking ordinance now that snow has begun to fall.



LOYD MALLET  
New village trustee

## Buchanan Youths Hit By Truck

BUCHANAN — Two Buchanan high school students were listed in satisfactory condition this morning at Buchanan Osteopathic hospital after being struck by a pickup truck as they walked to school shortly before 7 a.m.

City police identified them as David Dill, 17, of 403 Hill street, a junior, and Basil Withers, 15, of 419 Hill street, a sophomore.

Police said they and an unidentified youth were walking in the roadway on West Chicago street about a block from the school, when they were struck by a pickup truck driven by Randall Couchman, 47, of 908 Terre Coupe. Couchman told police he did not see the youths until his truck hit them.

Police said the trio was



ACCIDENT AFTERMATH: Berrien sheriff's Deputy John Clark directs traffic at scene of two-car injury accident at 12:45 p.m. yesterday at intersection of M-140 and North Watervliet road. Two women were hospitalized from crash. Police said slippery roads were factor in accident. (Cliff Stevens photo)

wearing dark clothing. The third youth, uninjured, went on to school before police arrived.

It was noted by police that a sidewalk runs parallel to Chicago street where the ac-

cident occurred. No charges were filed against the driver.

## Sawyer Citizens Oppose Liquor License For Cafe

LAKESIDE — About a dozen Sawyer residents told the Chikaming township board last night that they oppose issuance of a liquor license to the Sand Hill restaurant on Red Arrow highway, Sawyer.

The group presented to the board a petition opposing issuance of the license and reportedly signed by 25 Sawyer residents.

The license is being sought by restaurant owner Eugene

Mantei. He has announced plans to expand the Sand Hill.

Earlier this year, the township board rejected a request from Mantei for a liquor license. No action was taken on his second request last night due to the absence of Supervisor Herbert Seeder, according to Mrs. Lena Abrahamsen, clerk.

Protesting Sawyer residents said last night they objected to the license because of the restaurant's location. They said

there was insufficient room around the restaurant for parking.

They also said they objected because of the restaurant's proximity to Warren Dunes state park.

Mantei, who attended the meeting, responded that he owns sufficient land around the restaurant for parking space.

In other business, the board approved acquisition of a jeep

by the Riverside fire department. The department has obtained the jeep on loan from the Forest Fire division of the Department of Natural Resources.

Firemen are reportedly equipping the vehicle for use fighting grass and forest fires in the area.

Two men were sworn in as auxiliary policemen. They are Steve Daniel, 21, of New Troy, and James Stormont, 25, of Bridgman. The men will work with Chief Ivan Zimmerman.